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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF VISIT OF USS BROWNSON AND NEW TO MOCAMEDES

1. SUMMARY. THE VISIT WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ALL SECURITY AND POLITICAL RESPECTS. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED. ALL THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO DINE ON BOARD THE VESSELS AND CORDIAL WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WERE DEVELOPED THAT MAY HELP EASE FUTURE VISITS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE VISIT OF THE USS BROWNSON AND THE USS NEW TO ANGOLA WAS THE FIRST USN SHIP VISIT HERE SINCE THE NEW TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT TOOK OFFICE. IT THUS ASSUMED UNUSUAL IMPORTANCE AS AN INDICATION OF THE ATTITUDES THE LIBERATION GROUPS MIGHT ADOPT TOWARD FUTURE USN SHIP VISITS. THE PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN ANGOLA INFORMED THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL OF THE INTENDED VISIT WELL IN ADVANCE AND NO OBJECTIONS WERE EXPRESSED. THE PORTUGUESE PORT CAPTAIN IN MOCAMEDES BRIEFED THE HEADS OF DELEGATION OF THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ON THE VISIT FOUR DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL AND WAS ABLE TO ASSURE US THAT HE EXPECTED NO DIFFICULTIES. AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF THE VESSELS A CONGEN OFFICER MADE A CALL ON EACH

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DELEGATION CHIEF IN MOCAMEDES TO DISCUSS THE VISIT

AND TO INVITE THEM TO DINE ON BOARD THE VESSELS. ALL ACCEPTED.

3. THANKS IN LARGE PART TO THE PATIENCE AND ADAPTABILITY OF THE OFFICERS AND WARDROOM STAFFS ON BOTH VESSELS, THE DINNERS WERE SUCCESSFUL. ALL GROUPS BROUGHT EXTRA GUESTS AND ARRIVED QUITE LATE. TWO BROUGHT ARMED BODYGUARDS BUT THEY READILY AGREED TO LEAVE THEIR ARMS ON THE PIER WHEN TOLD ARMED PERSONNEL WERE NOT PERMITTED ON BOARD. THE ATTENDANCE OF THE GROUPS AT THE DINNER WAS REMARKABLE SINCE, ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNOR, THIS WAS ONLY THE SECOND TIME HE HAD MET WITH ALL THREE GROUPS AND THE FIRST TIME THE GROUPS HAD MET SOCIALLY. DURING THE CONVERSATION MPLA WAS THE MOST FORTHCOMING, ALTHOUGH THEIR LOCAL CHIEF, A FORMER CIVIL SERVANT, SEEMED VAGUELY AWARE THAT HE WASN'T SUPPOSED TO CONSORT WITH IMPERIALISTS. THE NUMBER TWO IN THE MPLA DELEGATION WAS A DOCTRINAIRE 21 YEAR OLD WHITE FROM MOCAMEDES WHO HAD BEEN TRAINED IN LISBON AND EUROPE AND WHO WAS VERY EXPANSIVE ON MPLA POLICIES. AFTER THE DINNER THE FNLA DELEGATE SPOKE PRIVATELY WITH THE CONGEN OFFICER AND ASKED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY IN THE U.S.

4. USEFUL WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LOCAL GROUPS WERE FORGED AT THIS DINNER. THEY NOW HAVE SOME COMPREHENSION OF OUR SHIPS, THEIR MISSION AND THE REASONS FOR STOPPING IN MOCAMEDES. UNLESS THE GROUPS ARE ORDERED TO REACT DIFFERENTLY BY LEADERS IN THEIR MOVEMENTS WE EXPECT NO PROBLEM WITH THE NEXT VISIT TO MOCAMEDES.

5. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE TO PERMIT LIBERTY. THE PORTUGUESE AND ALL THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AGREED TO IT AND AGREED TO HAVE TWO USN SHORE PATROLS JOIN THE MIXED MILITARY PATROLS COMPOSED OF SOLDIERS FROM THE PORTUGUESE ARMY AND THE LIBERATION ARMED FORCES. HOWEVER, THE CAPTAINS JUDICIOUSLY DECIDED TO FOREGO LIBERTY IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE INCIDENT THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE FUTURE VISITS.

6. BOTH VESSELS WERE GENEROUS IN THEIR ASSISTANCE IN FILLING SOME OF OUR REQUESTS FOR E&E EQUIPMENT. IN ADDITION TO 11 CASES OF C-RATIONS WE RECEIVED SMOKE GRENADES, A VERY PISTOL WITH A SUPPLY OF FLARES FOR OUR EVACUATION BOAT AND PENLIGHT
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